



## Event Center Committee Minutes

Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 12:00 PM

Council Chambers  
203 Main Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho

### 1) Call Meeting to Order/Confirmation of Quorum

Present: Anna Scholes, Spencer Cutler, Michelle McFarlane, Ben Lyda, Curtis Hansen, Eric Smallwood

Absent: Jayde Wilson, Kennedy Esume

Staff Present: Shawn Barigar, Rachael Long

**Shawn Barigar** called the meeting to order at 12 PM. A quorum was present.

### 2) Consent Calendar

- a) Request to approve August 26, 2025, minutes.  
Minutes from last meeting were not entered correctly will approve them at the next meeting.

### 3) Items of Consideration

- a) Mid-Project Presentation from Johnson Consulting on Feasibility Study  
**Johnson Consulting** firm presented a presentation about their findings for the event center. **Ben Lyda** asked for clarification on the Jae foundation if they plan to open them as an open sports facility.

**Anna Scholes** asked about kids who cannot afford to pay for practice if the Jae foundation would offer their facility to kids who cannot afford it.

**Eric Smallwood** asked about the connection with making this adjacent to a hotel. Why do those do better?

**Ben Lyda** stated that he would like to focus personally on entertainment as well. Most have been mentioned only for convention centers.

**Spencer Cutler** stated that the two spaces at CSI that are for performing arts are crazy expensive to operate.

**Curtis Hansen** stated that some of the hotels on the list have transitioned to long-stay hotels and not regular hotels anymore.

**Michelle McFarlane** asked now that they know the size they need is there any areas around Twin that they have found.

**Ben Lyda** stated that on the north side of town we are starting to run out of space, that his preference would be to bring the space downtown to help the local business owners.

**Shawn Barigar** stated the next step is that the consulting firm will take the information that they got today and will come back January 27th at noon.

### 4) General Public Input

### 5) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 01:25 PM

*Rachael Long*

Rachael Long, Deputy City Clerk

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